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PCT/JP98/05106  
-filed November 13, 1998

Re: Application of TAKASHI YUZAWA, AKIHIRO GOTO, TOSHIO MORO  
SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD USING ELECTRIC DISCHARGE, AND  
AN ELECTRODE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD  
Our Ref: Q63462

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of TAKASHI YUZAWA, AKIHIRO GOTO, TOSHIO MORO pending prior Application No. PCT/JP98/05106 filed November 13, 1998 entitled SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD USING ELECTRIC DISCHARGE, AND AN ELECTRODE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, the executed Assignment with PTO-1595, Article 11 Amendments, International Preliminary Examination Report, the PCT International Search Report and an Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO-1449 listing known references.

**PLEASE NOTE: This application is being filed as a  
Continuation of PCT/JP98/005106 pursuant to MPEP §§1895 and 1896.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$860.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$860.00</b>
<b>Recordation of Assignment</b>									<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$900.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$860.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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There is no §119 claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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